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Comprehensive Water Resources Study for the Savannah River

UPDATE

Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Water Resources Study

Utilize a "whole-basin" analysis to identify and provide recommendations for meeting the various water demands throughout the basin.



Corps of Engineers, Georgia DNR, South Carolina DNR 2000

Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Water Resources Study

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Major areas identified for analysis:

- Water Supply Allocations
- Flood Control
- Hydropower Generation
- Water Quality and Flow
- Fish and Wildlife
- Aquatic Plant Control
- Recreation

Study Need

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- More frequent severe droughts and floods
- More water demands by Georgia and South Carolina
- More need for water laws and interstate communication within the basin

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Current Status

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- USGS is finishing the 50-year inflow data set
- HEC is finishing the basin-wide computer model
- Zapata is finishing basin-wide water use and demand surveys
 - Public Involvement (Recreation and Residential)
 - Municipal & Industrial Users
 - Agricultural Users
- Nature Conservancy is finishing fish and wildlife habitat water demands between Augusta Shoals and Atlantic Ocean

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Products - Milestones - Costs

♦ The Nature Conservancy Ecological Flow Study	Completed Sept. 03	\$55,933
Complete Stakeholders Analysis of all Surveys	Nov. 03	\$80,408
USGS 50 Yr. Flow Study	Oct. 03	\$440,000
HEC Reservoir Simulation (RES-SYM) Model	Dec. 03	\$365,000
Formulate Allocation Scenarios	Jan. 04	\$40,000
Evaluate Scenarios	Apr. 04	\$!00.000
Phase 1 Decision Doc.	Jun. 04	\$40,000
Initiate Phase 2 King's Bay Oct 02(XP)1.ppt	Jul. 04	\$160,000

Phase 1

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- Run computer model through 50 years with different operational criteria
- Select a group of favorable operation rules
 - The least number of violations for all demands
 - All users share the pain during water shortages

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Phase 1

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- Can we meet present and future demands?
 - YES? Good
 - NO? What steps can be taken?
- Make final recommendations, including conflicts of interest

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Savannah River Basin Comprehensive Study Balancing Uses

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Wetlands | Habitat





Water Supply

